

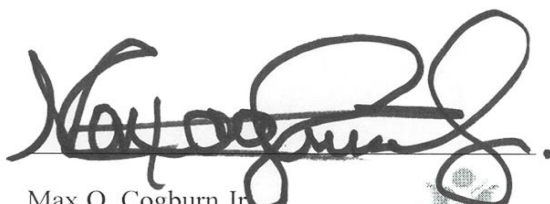
of International Child Abduction ... is to facilitate custody adjudications, promptly and exclusively, in the place where the child habitually resides. To that end, the Convention instructs Contracting States to use the most expeditious procedures available to secure the return of a child wrongfully removed or retained away from her place of habitual residence.”) (citations and quotation marks omitted). Finally, the court notes that Petitioner has stated in his Response (#22) that he has now traveled to the United States from France twice in the past two weeks based upon the dates set for hearing by the court. To re-schedule the matter again on such short notice appears to the court to be a waste of resources. While the court will deny the continuance, if, at the August 19 hearing, the court determines that either party needs more time to adequately present their case, it will consider allowing additional time. At this point, however, the court does not find that a continuance is warranted.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Respondent’s Second Motion to Continue Hearing (#20) is **DENIED**.

As a matter of housekeeping, the court notes that the hearing scheduled for August 19, 2016 is an **evidentiary hearing**, not a trial, the purpose of which is to determine under the Hague Convention whether Respondent's retention of the child in the United States is wrongful, as alleged by Petitioner.

Signed: August 19, 2016


Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge